

Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Projection Objective having Adiacently Mounted Aspheric Lens Surfaces, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u> | <u>Priority Claimed</u> | | | |
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| <u>100 02 626.5</u> (Number) | <u>Federal Republic of Germany</u> (Country) | <u>22 Jan 00</u> Date Filed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <u>100 21 739.7</u> (Number) | <u>Federal Republic of Germany</u> (Country) | <u>04 May 00</u> Date Filed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of the United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application:

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| <u>PCT/EP 00/13148</u> Application Serial No.. | <u>22 Dec 2000</u> Filing Date | <u>Pending</u> Status |
| <u>60/173,523</u> Application Serial No. | <u>29 Dec 1999</u> Filing Date | <u>Abandoned</u> Status |

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